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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Staff Meeting Minutes of 16 May 1979

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The Director was at his EOB office; Mr. Carlucci chaired the meeting.

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Taylor requested that the follow-on review of the Agency's 1981 program scheduled for the Executive Committee this afternoon be cancelled. It was agreed.

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Hitz reported that the Senate Authorization Bill has been reported on the floor, noting particularly that it includes, as hoped, the provision for educational payment benefits for CIA dependents overseas. He reported also that HAC Staffer Snodgrass is "raising hell" regarding slow approval of clearances for three S&I team members; the team will be conducting an investigative review of SIGINT activities at NSA and CIA. Two of the three have been cleared; however, the third member has been held up in clearance because investigative data on file for this individual is some 27 years old. Snodgrass has been advised that Chairman Addabbo could appeal to the Director.

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[] reported that [] of his office and [] (DDS&T) have reviewed a novel on NPIC written by [] a former NPIC photo interpreter. [] agreed to deletions of sensitive information. []

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May reported that Director of Security Gambino, along with Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Security Ackerman, are testifying this morning at an open hearing by Les Aspin's HPSCI Oversight Subcommittee on the subject of security clearances. Hitz commented that he does not know what is driving Aspin in this endeavor other than perhaps to maintain periodic publicity for himself. Hitz noted that we must avoid the potential of an audit trail regarding the clearance process and suggested that the Director and/or Mr. Carlucci consider a chat with Chairman Boland regarding this problem. []

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[] reported on OMB's Spring Review document regarding the NFIP for 1981 and that OMB's 1981 budget level for the NFIP [] He said that his staff, with inputs from others in the community, has responded to OMB with considerable criticism of the document, and that he will be meeting OMB Deputy Director John White tomorrow on this matter. Discussion followed on numerous problems created by OMB's change in the way of doing business. Most agreed that OMB's current procedures are unreasonable, e.g., programs and the President are being locked into a budget figure before programs have even been shaped and issues surfaced. Taylor suggested that a letter from the Director to the Director, OMB on the whole problem would be appropriate. []

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Mr. Carlucci reported on his and the Director's concern regarding Agency procedures for formally recognizing (letters from the Director, awards, etc.) retiring Agency personnel. He referred to Harry Fitzwater's 11 May memorandum to the DDA which explained several of the problems. After some discussion, Mr. Carlucci asked Directorate heads to look into ways for improving the whole situation--timeliness and manner of recognition, and he asked the DDA to advise him with their recommendations soon, perhaps, at an Executive Committee session. (Action: DDA) []

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In response to Hitz's query Mr. Carlucci reported on the 15 May SCC meeting on Charters Legislation, noting that Vice President Mondale played a lead role at the meeting. Mr. Carlucci said the meeting went well and included discussion on numerous parts of the charter, e.g., sanctions governing electronic surveillance, warrants required for intrusion techniques overseas, tort claims, etc. He noted also that the Director would like to see a wrap-up session before sending the charter to the Hill. Specifically, he would like to see the charter reviewed once again in its totality and a framework set for procedures to be followed at hearings on the Hill.

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